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Comments:

re: NEW SECTION "WAC 44-14-05001 Access to electronic records. Many agency records are in an electronic format. An agency may provide public records in an electronic format commercially available to the requestor but is not required to do so." This proposed new section is inadequate and insufficient; all electronic records must be accessible to the public at no cost. The proposed alternative of "printing the record(s) to paper" and the "option of purchasing printed documents" will result in burdensome fees and can easily become prohibitively expensive, particularly since there is no ceiling placed on the amount that agencies can charge for such printed copies; such fees are contrary to the spirit of "Open Records".